

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY**

JANUARY 08, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 08, 2004 AT 4:00 P.M. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: CHAIR MARTIN, COMMISSIONERS RIPPEY, KAY AND SLAVENS. ALTERNATE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: COMMISSIONERS DODD (VOTING) AND EISELE. ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER LUPORINI ARRIVED DURING ITEMS 6A & B, PUBLIC HEARING.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG WAS NOT HELD.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES WAS POSTPONED.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE
5. CONSENT CALENDAR
NONE
6. PUBLIC HEARING
 - a) **American Canyon Sphere of Influence Update: Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration**
 - b) ***Comprehensive Study of American Canyon: Sphere of Influence Review* and Proposed Sphere Update**

Agenda Items 6a and 6b to be heard concurrently. The Commission will receive a brief presentation from staff on a draft mitigated negative declaration prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Executive Officer's final report for the *Comprehensive Study of American Canyon: Sphere of Influence Review*, including recommendations to update the sphere of influence to add four distinct areas to the sphere. The Commission will receive comments from any and all interested parties present at the hearing. The comment period for these documents concludes on January 14, 2004. Public hearings to adopt the draft mitigated negative declaration and to adopt the proposed sphere update are scheduled for February 19, 2004.

 - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD – TESTIMONY PRESENTED**
 - **TWO PROPERTY OWNERS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO THE INCLUSION OF THEIR PROPERTIES IN SPHERE: CHARLES BAKER AND FAHIM NOORZAY.**
 - **THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON AND COUNTY OF NAPA SUBMITTED LETTERS EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS AND OPPOSITION TO COMPONENTS OF STAFF'S ANALYSIS AND APPROACH.**

6. PUBLIC HEARING continued:
 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER STATED THAT STAFF HAD MET WITH CITY OFFICIALS AND WAS BEGINNING TO RE-EVALUATE ITS APPROACH IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTED THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR LEGALLY FEASIBLE FOR LAFCO TO APPROVE A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND THAT SOME FORM OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION SEEMED A MORE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT.
 - IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER LUPORINI, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER STATED HE WOULD SEND A LETTER OF CLARIFICATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS BEFORE FEB. 26TH TO HELP EXPLAIN THE TERMINOLOGY (ANNEXATION VS. SOI UPDATE).
 - COMMISSIONER DODD EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF ANY DELAYS BY LAFCO ON THE HOUSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY. COMMISSIONERS SLAVENS & RIPPEY SUGGESTED THAT THESE CONCERNS BE ADDRESSED BY MAKING A MOTION THAT A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN ON FEB. 26TH.
 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDED THAT FEB. 19TH MEETING BE MOVED TO FEB. 26TH TO ACCOMMODATE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO LEGAL NOTICES.
 - MOTION MADE TO RESCHEDULE NEXT MEETING FROM FEB. 19 TO FEB. 26, 2004 AND TO VOTE ON THE SPHERE UPDATE AT THAT MEETING.

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7. COMMISSION ACTION ITEM
NONE
8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION
NONE
9. CLOSED SESSION
NONE
10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
NONE
11. ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED.

HARRY MARTIN
Chair

ATTEST:

DANIEL SCHWARZ
Executive Officer

KATHY MABRY
Commission Secretary

Notations Under Vote: **N** = No; **X** = Excused; **A** = Abstained **AIF** = All in favor